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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:PFOR, EFIN, EINV, SY, US, GW

SUBJECT: CLAIMS AGAINST SYRIA: DEUTSCHE TEXACO

REF: BONN 949

1. APPRECIATE REFTEL. OLMSTEAD VISITED DEPUTY LEGAL  
ADVISER SCHWEBEL TODAY AND REPEATED GIST OF REFTEL. IN  
LIGHT OF YOUR REPORT AND HIS, REQUEST EMBASSY INFORM  
FONOFF OF FOLLOWING.

2. USG IS PLEASED TO LEARN THAT THE FRG IS DISPOSED  
TO RAISE WITH SARG THE CLAIM OF DEUTSCHE TEXACO FOR  
COMPENSATION FOR EXPENDITURES INCURRED BY ITS SUB-  
SIDIARY CONCORDIA IN EXPLORING FOR AND DISCOVERING  
OIL IN SYRIA. USG RECENTLY INCLUDED THIS CLAIM AMONG  
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OTHERS IN AN INFORMAL DISCUSSION WITH DR. AL-IMADI,  
SYRIAN MINISTER OF ECONOMY, OF CLAIMS AGAINST SARG OF  
U.S. NATIONALS, BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT THE BENEFICIAL  
INTEREST IN THE CONCORDIA CLAIM IS NOW OWNED BY TEXACO,  
AN AMERICAN NATIONAL. SARG REJECTED POSSIBLE U.S.  
ESPOUSAL OF THE DEUTSCHE TEXACO CLAIM, PARTICULARLY  
STRESSING THAT, WHEN THE CLAIM AROSE, CONCORDIA WAS

OWNED BY DEUTSCHE-ERDOL, A GERMAN CORPORATION. USG  
ACCORDINGLY PLANS TO DEFER TO THE FRG IN THE MAINTENANCE

OF THIS CLAIM. SHOULD, HOWEVER, THE FRG REQUEST THE  
USG TO LEND TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC'S EFFORT TO  
SETTLE THE CLAIM U.S. DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT, THE USG  
WILL BE PREPARED TO INDICATE TO SARG THE IMPORTANCE  
THE USG ATTACHES TO SETTLEMENT OF THE DEUTSCHE  
TEXACO CLAIM.

3. FYI AND EMBASSY DAMASCUS: WE DO NOT NOW PLAN TO  
INFORM SARG THAT THE USG IS DELETING THE DTA CLAIM  
FROM OUR LIST OF CLAIMS, BUT RATHER TO AWAIT A REPORT ON  
GENSCHER'S VISIT TO SYRIA, PARTICULARLY AS TO WHETHER  
THE FRG DELEGATION ACTUALLY DOES RAISE THE DTA CLAIM  
AND SARG'S REACTION THERETO. WE CONTEMPLATE TRANSMITTING  
A REVISED LIST OMITTING THE DTA AND IBEC CLAIMS  
AFTER THAT VISIT, BUT WILL SUBSEQUENTLY SEND INSTRUCTIONS.

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